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SUBJ: QUALIFIED LABOR SUPPORT FOR NUCLEAR POWER GENERATION  
IN ITALY.

1. AS A RESULT OF UNION-SPONSORED DISCUSSIONS, DEBATES AND  
PRESS-CONFERENCES, SEVERAL PRESS ARTICLES HAVE APPEARED THIS  
MONTH REITERATING ITALIAN LABOR'S QUALIFIED SUPPORT FOR RAPID  
CONSTRUCTION OF SEVERAL NUCLEAR PLANTS TO PRODUCE ELECTRIC  
POWER. AS THESE ARTICLES DEMONSTRATE, THE CGIL-CISL-UIL  
FEDERATION (CCU), ITS COMBINED METAL WORKERS' FEDERATION  
(FLM) AND THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR UNIONS INTERESTED IN  
ENERGY DEVELOPMENT, SUPPORT NUCLEAR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT, DESPITE  
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ATTACKS FROM RADICAL ENVIRONMENTALIST POLITICIANS.

2. ASIDE FROM INSISTING ON LOCAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AND  
DEVELOPMENT PLANS, THE UNIONS QUALIFY THEIR SUPPORT FOR NUCLEAR  
POWER BY CALLING FOR NATIONAL ENERGY PLAN TO INCLUDE CONSERVA-  
TION AND DEVELOPMENT OF OTHER ENERGY SOURCES. (COMMENT: IT DOES).  
THE ALSO SUGGEST THAT NUCLEAR ENERGY BE DEVELOPED IN A EUROPEAN

COMMUNIST FRAMEWORK AND THAT ITALY UTILIZE A CANADIAN SYSTEM ITS STATE ENTERPRISES ARE LICENSED TO PRODUCE, IN PREFERENCE TO A US SYSTEM UNDER LICENSE TO FIAT. THEY ADDUCE TECHNICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR THIS CHOICE, IN ADDITION TO ARGUING FOR GREATER INDEPENDENCE FROM THE US AND FROM AMERICAN PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.

3. A UNION SOURCE TELLS US THIS PUBLICITY REFLECTS NO NEW DECISION, ONLY IMPLEMENTATION OF A CCU RESOLUTION OF LAST OCTOBER.

4. COMMENT. THE REFERENCE IN PARA 2 IS TO THE CANADIAN HEAVY WATER CANDU REACTOR WHICH HAS BEEN LICENSED TO PMN (PROGETTA-ZIONI MECCANICHE NUCLEARI--51 PERCENT OWNED BY FINMECCANICA AND 49 PERCENT BY AMN (ANSALDO MECCANICA NUCLEARE) AND THUS ENTIRELY STATE-OWNED). THERE ARE AT LEAST TWO U.S. SYSTEMS, HOWEVER. ONE IS THE WESTINGHOUSE PRESSURIZED WATER REACTOR --UNDER LICENSE TO ELETTRONUCLEARE ITALIANA WHICH IS 50 PERCENT OWNED BY SIGEN, 25 PERCENT BY FRANCO TOSI AND 25 PERCENT BY ERCOLE MARELLI. SIGEN, IN TURN, IS PARTLY OWNED BY FIAT AND PARTLY BY BRED, A STATE-CONTROLLED COMPANY IN THE FINMECCANICA GROUP. THE OTHER SYSTEM IS THE GENERAL ELECTRIC BOILING WATER REACTOR UNDER LICENSE TO AMN WHICH IS STATE-OWNED. END COMMENT.  
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